Shiloh National Military Park Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center





The Interpretive Center

The Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center is operated by the National Park Service as part of Shiloh National Military Park. The center is a short, half-hour drive from the Shiloh Battlefield. The twelve thousand square foot facility interprets the key role of Corinth, Mississippi, in the Civil War's western theater. The rail crossing at Corinth ranked second only to the Confederate capital at Richmond in terms of strategic importance for more than a six-month period of 1862. During the war, Corinth was fortified heavily by both Federal and Confederate forces. The Interpretive Center is located near the site of Battery Robinett, a Union fortification that was witness to some of the bloodiest fighting of the Civil War.

Features of the Center



Visitors reach the center from the parking area by ascending a walkway strewn with "battle detritus," bronze reproduction artifacts that reflect the chaotic nature of battle. At the entrance visitors pass six Civil War soldiers, also cast in bronze and life-size, marching at the double-quick into the center.

Timber framing and cherry-paneled displays constitute the more than five thousand square-feet of exhibit space. The impressive exhibits feature interactive displays and engaging multimedia presentations. A film on the Battle of Shiloh is shown in a state-of-the-art wrap around theatre. The center also features a film on the Siege and Battle of Corinth. Visitors pass outdoors into a full-size model of a Civil War field fortification. The center also houses a seventy-five seat auditorium, public research library, and Eastern National bookstore.

The Stream of American History

The culminating event for visitors at the center is a walk through the commemorative courtyard of the facility. Visitors encounter a water feature that provides a detailed representation of the birth and growth of the United States and the accompanying rise of sectionalism and key events that ultimately led to the Civil War. The symbolism of the water feature reflects the turbulence of the nation's history during the war, and its course is disrupted by large granite blocks representing the battles and campaigns of the war. The waters calm as they flow under a granite bridge representing the three amendments passed as a result of the war. At the base of the feature, a reflecting pool offers visitors a chance to contemplate the significance of the war.



Planning Your Visit



The Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center is open everyday except Christmas from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. There is no admission fee. Allow at least one hour to tour the center. Literature on tours of Civil War Corinth is available at the center information desk. A full range of accommodations and services is available in the Corinth area. To contact the center, call (662) 287-9273.

Driving from Shiloh

From the Shiloh Visitor Center, leave the parking lot and turn right on to Pittsburg Landing Road (Park entrance road). Drive one mile to the intersection with Tennessee Highway 22 and turn left (south). Drive 3.4 miles and turn right to follow Highway 22 south toward Corinth, Mississippi. Ed Shaw's Restaurant and Gift Shop will be on the left corner at this intersection. Drive 11.3 miles on Highway 22. At 11.3 miles you will reach the Mississippi State line where the highway changes names to Mississippi State Highway 2. In 1.0 miles at the intersection with Mississippi State Highway

350, turn right to continue on Route 2. Drive 2.9 miles until you reach a four way stop sign at the intersection with Polk Street, (Mississippi State Highway 145). Turn left and drive 2.5 miles to a four way stop sign at the intersection with Shiloh Road. Turn right and drive 0.3 miles to the intersection with Fulton Drive and turn left. Drive 0.5 miles to the four way stop at the intersection with Linden Street. Turn right on Linden and proceed 0.3 miles. Turn at the Interpretive Center sign and park in the lot at the bottom of the hill.



